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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Each of the documents was cited in Application No. 09/945,760 (the "760 Application"), the parent application of this divisional application.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found in the specification at least at pages 2 and 3. (Some of the U.S. documents are mentioned

on pages 3 and 17 of the specification.) Also, Applicants obtained English language computer database Abstracts for the non-English documents and attached them to the respective copies submitted in the '760 application. English language counterparts, where readily available, were also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLN NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GAU</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/944,071	09/04/2001	2853	Masanobu ASAOKA, et al.	pending

A copy of the cited application was previously submitted in the '760 Application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted, or cited by the Examiner, in the parent application. Therefore, copies are not being provided, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). However, if copies are not readily available to the Examiner, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative to request them. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 6,696,118 is enclosed because it was previously submitted as Application No. 09/960,417 and has since issued as a patent.

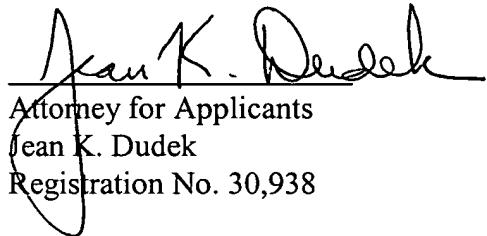
No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first Official Action on the merits.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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	JP 53-49113	05/04/1978	Japan			Abstract Previously Submitted
	JP 55-5830	01/17/1980	Japan			Abstract and u.s. Counterpart Previously Submitted
	JP 55-51583	04/15/1980	Japan			Abstract Previously Submitted
	JP 55-146786	11/15/1980	Japan			Abstract and Gr. Brit. Counterpart Previously Submitted
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	JP 5-32037	02/09/1993	Japan			Abstract and u.s. Counterpart Previously Submitted
	JP 10-129112	05/19/1998	Japan			Abstract Previously Submitted

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